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As the below-named inventors, we hereby declare that:

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and

We verily believe that we are the original, first and joint inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: **HEAT PIPE THERMAL MANAGEMENT OF HIGH POTENTIAL ELECTRONIC CHIP PACKAGES**, the specification of which:

☐ is attached hereto.

☒ was filed on June 6, 2001 as Application Serial No. 09/875,231.

We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any Amendment referred to above.

We acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability of this application in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.56.

We hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. §119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of any application on which priority is claimed:

Country	Number	Date Filed	Priority Claimed ?
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We hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. §120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. §112, we acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

Application Serial No.	Filed	Patented or Pending ?
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We hereby appoint **the following attorneys**, of the law firm **DUANE, MORRIS & HECKSCHER LLP**, One Liberty Place, Philadelphia, PA 19103-7396, to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the United States Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith:

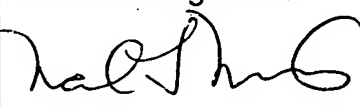
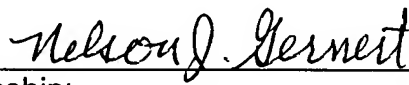
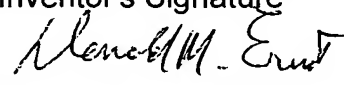
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